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SUBJECT: SIAD ON US AID TO SOMALIA

1. DURING FEBRUARY 5 DISCUSSION WITH ME PRESIDENT
SIAD REFERRED ONCE AGAIN TO PROGRESS MADE IN OVERCOMING
EARLY MISUNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN US AND SOMALIA CREATED
IN PART BY PRESS (HE DIGRESSED TO COMPLAIN OF ALLEGED
RECENT FRENCH GOVERNMENTAL TV REPORT OF SOVIET "BASES"
IN SOMALIA--FACILITIES, YES, BUT NO BASES). HE HAD
DESCRIBED SOMALIA'S ECONOMIC SITUATION TO PRESIDENT FORD AND
OTHERS. HE HAD NOT RPT NOT REQUESTED AID, BUT BELIEVED
AID WOULD FOLLOW NATURALLY FROM UNDERSTANDING AND
FRIENDSHIP. HE THEN EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR SURVIVAL
BISCUITS AT TIME WHEN SOMALI HAD NO OTHER OUTSIDE HELP
AND FOR FACT US HAS PLEDGED MORE GRAIN THAN ANY OTHER
COUNTRY. HE DESCRIBED DIFFICULTY OF REFUGEE RESETTLE-
MENT PROBLEM AND GENERAL ECONOMIC PICTURE. HE SAID
EARTH-MOVING AND AGRICULTURAL MACHINES WOULD BE MOST USEFUL.

2. I STRESSED SHORTAGE OF AID FUNDS. I SAID HIS
ACTION ON SOMALI FLAG SHIPPING WAS MOST HELPFUL. I
NOTED THAT CONGRESS FOR ITS PART HAD GIVEN EXECUTIVE MORE
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FLEXIBILITY ON SHIPPING QUESTION. I THEREFORE PERSONALLY

HOPED THERE COULD BE SOME US MODEST ASSISTANCE, PERHAPS IN
FOOD PRODUCTION DURING NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

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